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REMARKS

In the Final office action mailed February 9, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed April 19, 2007, claims 1-39, 41-50 and 81-101 were pending. Claims 6, 7, 10-12, 16, 17, 22-26, 30, 33, 39, 41-44 and 49-50 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 81-101 have been allowed, and claim 21 was objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 13-15, 18-20, 27-29, 31, 32, 34-38 and 45-48 stand rejected.

In this response, the claims have been amended to accept the subject matter indicated as allowed and allowable to place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features recited in claims 1 and 19. Claims 1 and 19 have been cancelled. The amendments have been made to expedite prosecution of the present application to a Notice of Allowance. No acquiescence to the rejections made in the Final Office Action is intended, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in one or more continuing applications claiming priority to the present application.

In view of the cancellation to claims 1 and 19, claims 2, 5, 8, 13, 18, and 20 have been amended to depend from claim 21.

Reinstatement of withdrawn claims 6, 7 and 10 is respectfully requested. These claims depend indirectly from claim 21, and claim 21 is generic at least with respect to the features recited in these claims. Accordingly, reinstatement is proper.

Claims 11, 12, 16, 17 and 22-50 have also been cancelled in addition to the previous cancellation of claims 51-80.

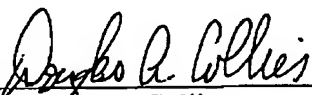
Claims 90 and 91 have also been amended to address the rejections thereof in the final Office Action. Claim 90 was objected to for an informality. Claim 90 has been amended as suggested in the office action. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 90 is respectfully requested. Claim 91 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph since "said thickness" in line 1 lacked antecedent basis. Claim 90 has been amended to replace "said thickness" with "said enlarged mid-portion", which finds antecedent basis in claim 90. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 91 is respectfully requested.

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A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on March 28, 2007. Acknowledgement of consideration of this Supplemental IDS along with the examiner initialed copy of the reference citation form is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the present application as amended and including claims 2-10, 13-15, 18, 20-21, and 81-101 is respectfully requested. Action toward a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues with regard to the present application.

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